Project Narrative

WILSHIRE VILLAS

Request for Site Plan approval by the Development Review Board on approximately 1.3 acres located at the southwest corner of Hayden Road and Wilshire Drive

Prepared for:

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Project Description

The Purpose of this request is to obtain site plan approval by the Development Review Board for Wilshire Villas, a 56,759 s.f. (1.3 ac) gross undeveloped lot located at the southwest corner of Hayden Rd. and Wilshire Dr. The property is currently split zoned with approximately the west 123 feet zoned R-3 and the balance, or approximately 285 feet zoned R-5. The R-5 zoning appears to be the original zoning established by the General Plan when the land was originally annexed, as there are no public records of this zoning change. The parcel was not split, so the split zoning is somewhat of a mystery. The best we have been able to put together to explain the R-3 was case 3-Z-68 in 1968 changed only the west third of the site to R-3. Despite the tremendous challenges this poses, the proposed site plan is in conformance with both zoning classifications.

The resulting density is 13.8 du/ac. and the site plan is consistent with the density range for the associated footages for the R-3 and R-5 combined zoning in the City of Scottsdale. The proposed site plan and relative density is consistent with adjacent densities and offers 27% lot coverage, leaving ample room for open space and amenities such as a pool and cabana.

The subject site is an infill site located in a mixed density area of Scottsdale on the west side of Hayden Rd. and the south side of Wilshire Dr., which is south of Thomas Rd. The lot is currently improved with a 1,150 square foot single-family residence, built in 1951, located in the northeast corner of the subject site. This structure will be razed in order to allow implementation of the proposed site plan. The housing in the area varies from single family, apartments, condominiums, to commercial uses along Hayden Rd. The applicant is requesting approval of the site plan to allow development of the land into 18 two-story condominiums with single-car garages. There are three buildings and each building has six units.

A homeowners' association with CCR's will control the project. Responsibilities of the homeowners' association include maintaining the landscaping in the common areas and developing and maintaining the architectural standards of the subdivision. The project will offer six different floor plans, as well as a pool, cabana and accessory amenities such as BBQ grill and bike rack. Landscaping and amenities will be installed during the course of construction by the developer and maintained by the homeowners' association.

Relationship to surrounding area

Hayden Rd. and Thomas Rd. are the major arterials for the subject site. The property is located on the south side of Wilshire Dr., which is approximately a quarter-mile south of Thomas Rd. Contiguous to the property on the north side of Wilshire Dr. are other multifamily condominiums zoned R-5. There are single family attached townhomes zoned R-4 to the south, and a single-family residence, zoned R-3 to the west. Across Hayden on the east side is a nursery and other commercial uses.

Accessibility

The major arterial for traffic to Wilshire Villas is via Hayden Rd. contiguous to the east. Secondary access is via Wilshire Dr. The ingress and egress will be located along Wilshire Dr., which is consistent with usage for adjacent properties. A turn around in the southeast corner has been provided for emergency vehicles. Each Unit will feature a one-car garage as part of the first floor, accounting for 18 covered spaces. An additional 18 guest parking spaces are located along the south property line within the required 50' building setback, and two Accessible spaces and one additional guest space are located adjacent to the amenity area.

Open Space

Wilshire Villas features 27% lot coverage. The balance of the site consists of streets, amenities, and approximately 30% open space. More than half of the required open space is located along frontage on both Hayden Rd. and Wilshire Dr. The common outdoor open space is located in between the buildings and around the amenities. Useable common open space centers around the pool and cabana area, and the tot lot with grassy retention. Common open space will be landscaped to City ordinance standards for plant count and material using turf, desert trees, desert plants, and decomposed granite. Private outdoor open space is incorporated into the design of each individual unit in the form of patios for first floor residents (with an optional cover), and decks for the second floor homeowners. Both areas meet the City requirement for a minimum size of 10% of the livable dwelling space.

Residential Designs

The buildings will conform to the setback requirements under the both the R-3 and the R-5 zoning designations. A minimum 20' setback is proposed along Wilshire Dr. and Hayden Rd. A 50' setback is maintained along the south property line where both districts abut an R-4. On the west property line, where R-3 abuts another R-3, the building is setback approximately 15 feet, exceeding the minimum 10 feet requirement. Additionally, due to the split zoning, an additional 50-foot setback is required within the site, effectively setting us back from ourselves where the two zoning classifications meet. The sum of these setbacks significantly limit building placement within the remaining buildable envelope, leaving little to no flexibility for site design. Despite these challenges, we feel that the proposed site plan remains both functional and attractive.

Housing diversity is accomplished through six different home sizes varying from 950 to 1,530 square feet. The product is a six-plex condominium building that features three dwellings downstairs and three upstairs. Each home has it's own single car garage and first floor entry.

Due to the limited number of buildings (three), one elevation and color palette is offered, with the intent to maintain consistency of design and a "clean" look, as opposed to each

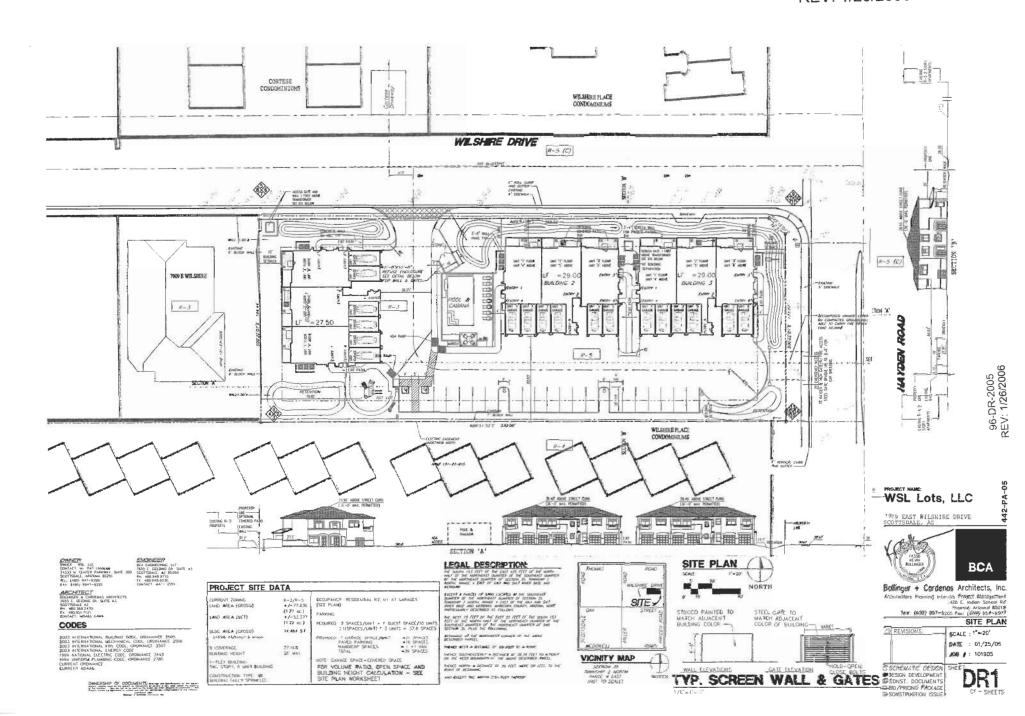
building having a different elevation or color scheme, which could appear "busy" on such a small site with an odd number of buildings. However, to offset, this, the elevation is well articulated via variations utilizing covered entries, window trim, window and door foam and stucco pop-outs, use of color on plane changes, and textural enhancement with the use of stone.

The builder will only use masonry and stucco exterior finishes. Color and materials should reflect or appropriately contrast with desert hues and other earth tones. All mechanical equipment shall be ground mounted and screened to match the buildings in color and texture. Additionally, the maximum height allowed 36 feet, and the proposed housing designs are significantly less at 28 feet.

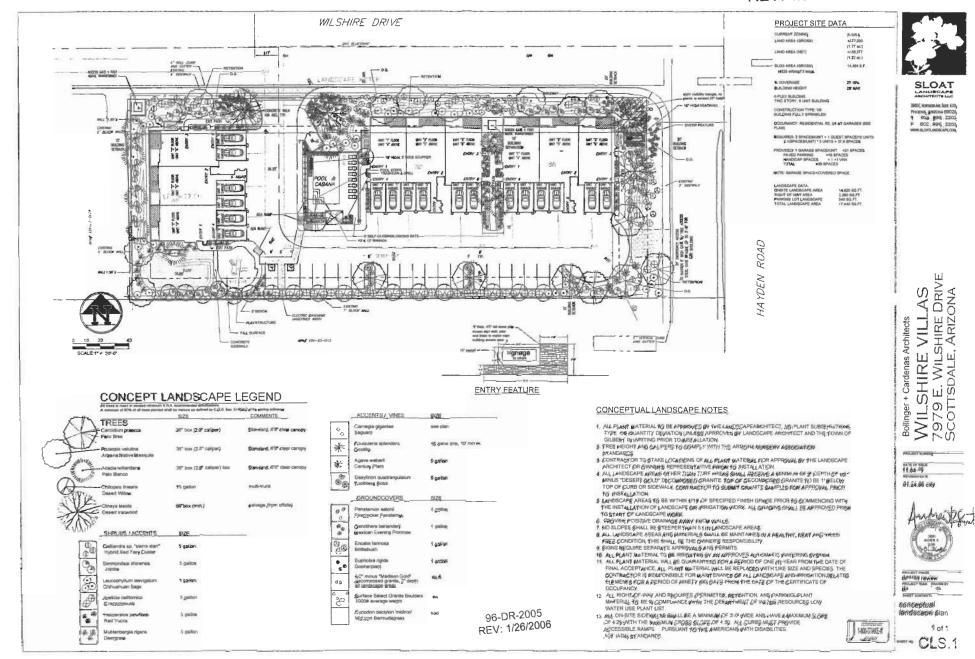
Market Timing and Trends

As the redevelopment trend in downtown and south Scottsdale continues to grow as a strong emerging market, new and redeveloped multifamily sites are springing up. This market shift to urban-style living is characterized by homeowners of a professional nature, who want to live and recreate in the heart of the city. Cultural activities, nightlife, and restaurants are vital to how they spend their free time, and they want to live in the middle of it all. This lifestyle is also frequently characterized by a "lock-and-leave" mentality. This demographic does not want to maintain a yard themselves or have the upkeep associated with a traditional single-family house. Accordingly, Wilshire Villas is designed to be an attractive, updated alternative development for south Scottsdale and the immediate neighborhood perfectly positioned in the market as far as timing and trends.

In conclusion, Wilshire Villas will enhance the area by virtue of quality design and will contribute to the redevelopment and beautification of south Scottsdale.



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